

**Board of Fire Commissioners
LINDENWOLD FIRE DISTRICT No.1
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: September 20, 2021
Meeting Place: Fire Administration Building
Meeting Called To Order: 6:30pm
Members of Board Present: **Chairman** – Clifford Ruth
Vice Chairman – Richard Paul
Treasurer – Wayne Hans
Secretary – Frank Weindel
Commissioner – Tamara DeLucca
District Clerk – Tiffany Beach
Solicitor – David Capozzi

Salute the Flag

Sunshine Law – Comm. Ruth

In accordance with the NJ Sunshine Law this meeting has been properly advertised and is open to the public. The public portion will follow the regular business of the Board.

Roll Call Commissioners – Comm. Ruth

All present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Comm. Ruth

Motion made by Comm. Paul seconded by Comm. Weindel to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it. Comm. DeLucca abstain.

Motion made by Comm. Paul seconded by Comm. Hans to approve the budget meeting on September 13, 2021 minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it. Comm. & Ruth DeLucca abstains.

Correspondence – Cl. Beach

Cl. Beach: I spoke to Helen from Holt, McNally and Associates in regards to the audit. They are still waiting for the state to release the GASB 75. The audit will not be finalized until the state is able to provide that.

Treasurer’s Report – Comm. Hans

As of September 20, 2021

TD Bank General Checking	113,896.29
TD Bank Money Market Account	1,526,991.77
TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,567.40
TD Bank Payroll Checking	13,679.75
TD Bank LEA Dedicated Penalty	5,578.36
TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	16,078.36
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Current Assets	1,678,990.20

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. Paul to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read. Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, ayes have it.

Payment of Bills – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: In front of you, you have a list of 52 bills totaling \$64,371.57

Motion made by Comm. Paul seconded by Comm. Weindel to approve the payment of bills.

Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, ayes have it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration / Personnel – Comm. Ruth

No report.

Office of Fire Prevention – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: The Fire Official’s report for August 17 - September 20, 2021 was read aloud; a copy is attached to the minutes. Yours in Fire Safety, Fire Official Timothy.

Apparatus – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: We had an incident with the Squrt. It has been reported to the insurance company. All the apparatus is in service. The Chief’s car went in for brakes. We did get a punch list on the apparatus from Firefighter One when they did the PM’s, they were a bit more thorough. It was over \$11,000 in repairs. I spoke with Chief Engineer McManus, some of the repairs are started. There is a few pump packing that are starting to go, right now we are going to leave that alone unless it becomes an issue.

Duty Crew – Comm. Ruth

No report.

Budget – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: With what I discussed in Closed Session for myself, someone will need to oversee the budget for 2022.

Fire Department Equipment – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We are looking to order some new TICS and some new gas meters. I will get with the Chief on that.

Turn-Out Gear – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We are still waiting on the 5 backordered helmets, we are also still waiting for the new gear to come in.

Recruitment / Membership – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We have a new member to swear in tonight for Battalion 1, David Bernstein.

Fitness Center – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: The fitness center is okay. I was notified about one of the stair steppers broke. I will get that taken care of.

S.O.G.’s – Comm. Paul

No report.

Future Projects- Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We are still waiting for the survey and title search to come back.

Communications – Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Computers/ Social Media – Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Assist Personnel – Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Building Maintenance / Grounds – Comm. Hans

No report.

Fixed Assets—Comm. Hans

No report.

Health & Safety – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: One physical was done. The annual physicals are set for Tuesday October 12th starting at 4pm with Interstate.

Hydrants / Water – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: I've been noticing the markers are getting bent. I have a tool in my car. On the backend of Lynnebrook is covered, you almost can't see the hydrant.

Dep. Chief Polifrone: The one on East Maple is also overgrown.

Comm. Hans: Okay thank you. I will check that one also.

Training Division – Comm. Weindel

Comm. Weindel: We have one person going to Firefighter I. Gio put an email out about the Swift Water Rescue, we don't really do that. He said that County would pay for that or something like that?

Chief Beeler: The Swift Water rescue was just to see if anyone wanted to become part of the team.

Insurance – Comm. Weindel

No report.

Incentive Program – Comm. Weindel

No report.

Uniforms – Comm. Weindel

Comm. Weindel: Chief you need to show me what's wrong with the uniforms. The colors on the uniforms are different from what we have now. I am going to work with John on getting that taken care of.

Fuel – Comm. Weindel

No report.

Chief's Report – Chief Beeler

Chief Beeler: The report was read aloud by Chief Beeler; a copy is attached to the minutes.

Dep. Chief Polifrone: The Tower Ladder assisted Christ Community Church with changing a light bulb.

President's Report – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: President Wells is in attendance tonight.

Borough of Lindenwold – Councilman DiDominico

Not present.

Solicitor – D. Capozzi

No report.

Resolutions – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: Resolution 2021-23 Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1 to authorize Closed Session.

Do I have a motion?

Motion made by Comm. Paul, seconded by Comm. DeLucca. Any questions? (Hearing none).

Roll call vote, ayes have it.

Old Business – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: Any old business? (hearing none)

New Business – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Ruth: Any new business?

Comm. Paul: Swearing in of David Bernstein as firefighter.

Sol. Capozzi swore in David Bernstein as firefighter (applause)

Public Portion – Comm. Ruth

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. Paul to open to the public.
All in favor, ayes have it.

Chief Beeler: I just want to thank Cliff Ruth for 16 years dedicated to this Fire District, this town and the Department.

Comm. Ruth: Thank you

Dep. Chief Polifrone: Cliff definitely has the largest heart of anyone that I know and we definitely appreciate what you have done for us, the dedication and leadership. You've seen us during some very difficult times and enabled us to be where we are today. Thank you very much Cliff.

Comm. Ruth: Thank you

Motion made by Comm. Weindel, seconded by Comm. Paul to close to the public.
All in favor, ayes have it.

Open to Commissioners – Comm. Ruth

Comm. Weindel: I have one thing, we hate to see Cliff resign, he has done a lot for this Fire District. Where we are today being because of him.

Comm. Hans: Wish you the best of luck also. It's been a pleasure, I've worked with you many years and we have gotten a lot accomplished.

Comm. Paul: We are always here for you I also want to comment on a very good job at the fire the other day.

Comm. Hans: I have one more thing. I put a newsletter out with the code enforcing about the outside burning. It has a lot of information on it but I wanted to let you guys know since I know you get a lot of calls about it.

Closed Session – Comm. Ruth

Motion made by Comm. Paul, seconded by Comm. DeLucca to go into Closed Session. All in favor, ayes have it.
Motion made by Weindel, seconded by Comm. Paul to come out of Closed Session. All in favor, ayes have it.

Adjourn - Comm. Ruth

Motion made by Comm. Weindel, seconded by Comm. Paul to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.
All in favor, ayes have it.

	<u>Sep 20, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · CASH	
1010 · TD Bank General Checking	113,896.29
1011 · TD Bank Money Market Acco...	1,526,991.77
1013 · TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,567.40
1020 · TD Bank Payroll Checking	13,679.75
1030 · TD Bank LEA Dedicated Pen...	5,578.36
1040 · TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	16,076.63
1090 · Petty Cash	200.00
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

CHIEFS REPORT

8/17 TO 9/19

Calls for service – 70

Laurel Springs-0, Clementon-12, Pine Hill-2, Voorhees -2, West Berlin -1

9/14- 2800 building Emerald Ridge- 2nd Alarm fire. No injuries reported. FM Shannon notified and on scene

8/29 – crews attended a public event at Lighthouse Church on Blackwood Clementon Rd

8/29 – Fire Police assisted with the Ben to the shore bike ride

9/11- Tower Ladder attended memorial service and hung the American Flag for the services in Gibbsboro at the VFW

Next Department meeting Sept 21st at station 2

Members have been advised that due to an uptick in Covid cases and the Delta variant that masks are required again on all calls at all times. Rigs are being disinfected more frequently

Ladder Committee has been working hard on getting all the needed info for the new Tower Ladder. Members viewed different trucks or different ideas at the State Convention in Wildwood

Members are preparing for Fire prevention Oct 5th

Training-

8/17 – Pump operations

8/24- Pump Operations – Drafting

8/31- Battalion night

Respectfully submitted

Philip Beeler, Chief.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

09/20/2021

August 17,2021 to September 20, 2021

Inspections Completed:

Tayrex
Alcoy Industries
QT Nails
Marquise Jewelry
MLG Realty

Cobblestone Software
Oh Drama Hair
Conoco Gas
Linden Square Shopping
782-798 Emerson Ave Strip Stores



Re- Inspections

Little Rain Drops Learning Center
Meat Shoppers
Paul O' Beda DDS
Scoopy Lou's
Great Wall Kitchen
J&G Auto and Tire

Family Financial
Lee's Value Cleaners
Maidpro & Flyfoe
The Pines
Pine Ridge
Santa Fe (complaint)



Complaints Received 0

Imminent Hazard 0

Requested Response 2

09/14/2021 Emerald Ridge Apartments unit 2809 for an Apartment fire. – Electrical

09/16/2021 131 Crossings Way for a kitchen fire. - Accidental

Civilian Burn Reports 0

Permits 3

09/24/21 Bon-fire at the High School

RESOLUTION 2021-23

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No 1**

Resolution to Authorize Closed Session at 09/20/2021 meeting

WHEREAS, matters have come before the Board of Fire Commissioners as follows: future projects and/or personnel.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act permits a Closed Session to discuss said matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners shall meet in Closed Session on 09/20/2021 at 6:30 pm or soon thereafter as the Board directs as part of its meeting to discuss said matters. Such Closed Session in connection with the future projects shall not be disclosed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public is hereby advised that formal action may or may not be taken on any matters disclosed in Closed Session when the Board enters into open session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board may take formal action on any other matters when it returns to open session.

Dated: 09/20/2021



Clifford Ruth, Chairman



Attest: Tiffany Beach, District Clerk